

# UNB to host atlantic student union conference

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Warren McKenzie is presently the SRC External Co-ordinator, as well as being a Student Senator. McKenzie, a third year business student was elected as Forestry Rep last year, this position will be open in the Oct. 9th election. He has worked on various committees like Fall Festival and the Winter Carnival. After the Spring Elections last year he was appointed by the Student Council as External Co-ordinator.

The job of External Co-ordinator is one of dealing with student unions, the various governments and other universities as well as off-campus persons like businessmen. McKenzie took over the remaining responsibilities (correspondence, etc.) of last year's Vice President for the summer.

Last year during March break McKenzie and Chris Gilliss, SRC Comptroller went to Ontario to visit various University campuses. UNB's March break occurred at such a time that they were able to see other Student Unions in session. McKenzie stated that it was a good opportunity to see how other Councils were run.

McKenzie made a comment about the Council's method at U of T of keeping up a constant flow of communication between the students they are representing and themselves. U of T has an enrolment of 35,000 students and they have their own press in the basement of the Student Union building where they put out publications explaining what the Student Union was as well as other committees and happenings on campus.

McKenzie said, "We should be doing something like that instead of relying on the media to keep up a communication with the students we are representing."

While visiting the other Universities last March McKenzie said he was appalled by what people thought of UNB. He said that they really didn't know how big we were and were surprised when they heard about the facilities available to The Brunswickan and CHSR.

An exchange between the various Universities was set up. Such an exchange involves such things as Student Union constitutions and student papers being sent to the various Student Presidents. Also anything else that might be of benefit to the Unions. Hopefully this will help Universities to be less insular. McKenzie said it was time to break down some of the barriers.

He said it was necessary to show people that UNB "exists" and to show them what our Council is

capable of doing. He said this was one reason why our Council decided to host the Upcoming Atlantic Student Union conference Sept. 27 and 28.

McKenzie said that one thing he's found out in the position of External Co-ordinator is that our organization works well...it's not perfect but it does accomplish things.

With talk of a government common policy for Student Loans there is a definite advantage to being a group rather than so many individuals. He said there is a need to have communications between the various student unions.

Planning for the upcoming conference has been going on all summer. This upcoming conference is mainly to discuss areas of common interest like setting up an Atlantic Student Union. The Ontario Federation of Students is sending a representative and also some information on their provincial association.

Basic questions that will be asked are: Do we have any common areas of interest? If we do, can we set up a common policy (this is basically what the workshops are for)? Is it desirable to set up a more formal association?

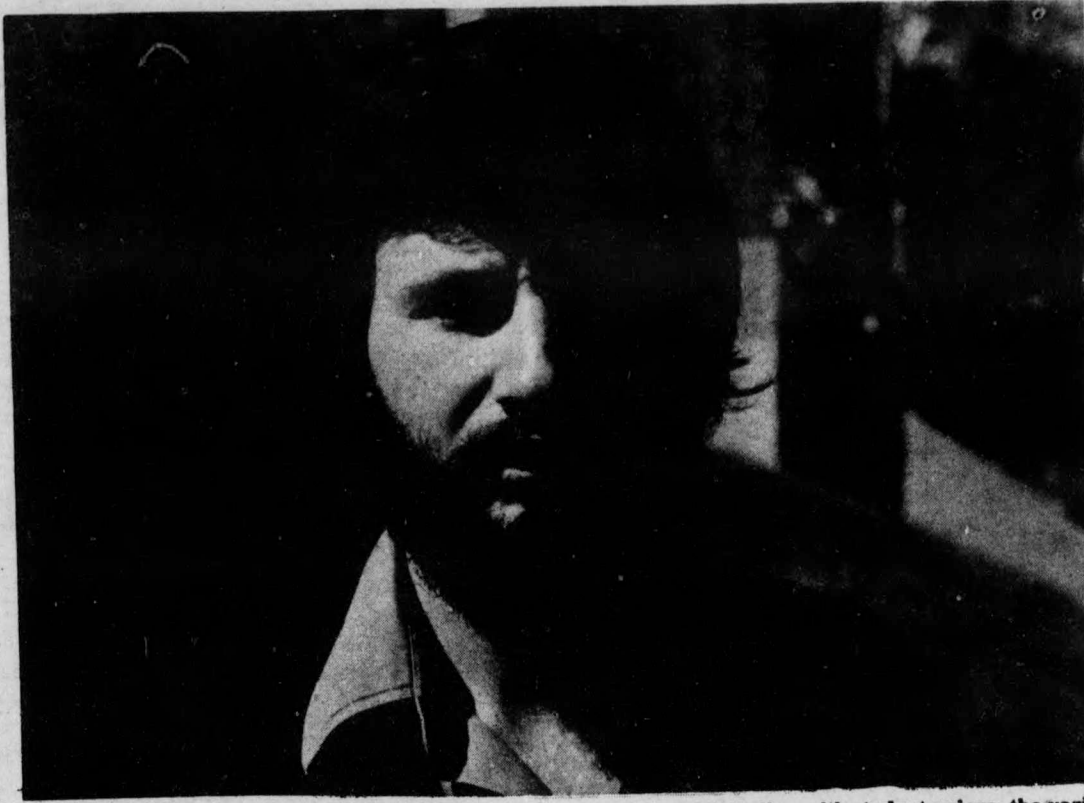
Most of the conference meetings and workshops will be taking place in the SUB. These meetings will not be open to the general student population as general policies will be discussed and not individual cases.

There will be a document published at the end of the conference which will hopefully be available to anyone who wants to read it. It will cover such things as who was there, what was said and decided at the meetings and workshops. While the conference is taking place the general student body will be kept informed through the Bruns and CHSR.

Anything that is discussed and any decision made will be discussed in Council and Council will have to approve of it before it is instituted (i.e. the Atlantic Student Union).

McKenzie stated that he would not be the External Co-ordinator after Oct. 9. He explained that last year he simply filled a vacuum that was there when Vice-President Jaeger left. He continued where she had left off since he was familiar with SRC dealings and had worked closely with Jaeger when she was in Office.

McKenzie said that he felt that the Vice-President if he or she is any good can do what he is presently doing and still fulfill all the responsibilities of being VP. He



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said that he has laid the groundwork for the position of External Co-ordinator and now all that needs to be done is to make an occasional phone call to let the other Universities know we are still alive.

As of October 9th McKenzie will not hold a Council seat. He said "I don't feel that anybody should have the job I have now unless he or she is an elected member of the Council."

His plans for the upcoming year are to help out with Winter Carnival and of course he is a Student Senator. His feelings are that you "can't hold a position all

year and gain the experience and then just walk out, that's really not fair."

Speaking about the upcoming October 9th elections McKenzie said he hoped that a lot of people would run in this election.

"Anything this body does is for the students and quite often we come under fire for things that we do. But if people won't come in and talk to us and tell us what they want to see, then we make the decisions in the light of what we do know. If you don't have the ambition to take five minutes and drop in and talk to Galoska or Gilliss then you don't have any

right to bitch."

McKenzie said he felt that this was the most approachable student council we've ever had. "The doors are always open and somebody is always around."

McKenzie said that he felt that anyone involved with the SRC gains in maturity and experience in handling responsibility. "It is really worthwhile for someone to run in the elections," said McKenzie. He also stated that it was sad to see a seat go by acclamation in a faculty of a few hundred. McKenzie said that now was a good time to run since the old guard has gone.

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